THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir, BICP has carried out Cost study of all DMT producers in 1986, which was subsequently updated in 1989.

(b) Does not arise.

Banning the Use of Brominated Vegetable Oil

@743. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI
SHRI N. E. BALARAM
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press reports that in spite of the total ban imposed by Government on April 15, 1988, on the use of Brominated Vegetable Oil (BVO) in any manufactured food product or beverage under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, Indian soft drink manufacturers are still using the additive, which has been found to be extremely harmful to human being by international organisatoins like the WHO and FAO; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure the compliance of the ban order?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued a notification under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 on 15th April, 1988 deleting Brominated Vegetable Oil from the list of permitted emulsifiers and stabilisers. Later on, on the basis of advice of Experts, use of this chemical was extended uto 15th April, 1990. Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Food Health Authorities of States/Union Territories have been urged upon to ensure that all food products manufactured and marketed in the country after the stipulated date, are free from this chemical.

@Previously unstarred Question 178, transferred from the 3rd May, 1990.

Declining Rate of Production and Sales by Tyre Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta

744. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the rate of production and sales of the Tyre Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta has sharply declined over the last one year;

(b) whether this is so because the mangaement has failed to provide raw materials and other inputs regularly;

(c) whether the marketing wing of the Corporation has also failed to keep their commitment to the buyers, particularly those in the Public Sector;

(d) whether the erstwhile employees of other tyre manufacturing companies, now in the sales team of TCI, have been working against the interest of the TCI;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what action Government proposed to be taken to upgrade the management of the Tyre Corporation of India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No. Sir, The company's production and sales for 1988-89 and 1989-90 are as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1988-89	1989-90
Production	36.52	36.17
Sales	47.86*	50.08*

*Inclusive of excise duty.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) TCIL have kept their commitment to buyers particularly those in public sector. However, in some cases delays have been reported in supply of conveyor belts due to production constraints but these have not been of a serious nature.

(d) No such instance has been reported.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) There is no proposal to upgrade the management of the Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.

Deteriorating Fate of Production in Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited

745. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Chief Executive/CMD of the Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Limited has been steadily losing confidence of workers and staff, as a result of which the rate of production has deteriorated further;

(b) whether the liabilities of the Corporation have been on the rise;

(c) whether domestic sales of the products have also gone down substantially; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof including the production achieved during the past two years, with comparative statement of sales and profit, if any?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The production, sales and cash profit/loss of TAFCO during the last two years is as follows:—

(Rs. in laks)

Year	Total Value of production	Sale	Profit (+) loss (–)
1988	643.30	684.80	(.) S81·46
1989-90 (Prov.) . .	732 .42	871.65	(.) 479. 55

There has been an increase in production and sales during 1989-90 as compared to the previous year. The liabilities of he Company as on 31-3-1989 and 31-3-1990 are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

	31-3-89	31-3-90 (Prov)
Current liabilities .	4.94	4.89
loans from Government	40.89	45.39
Interest due on loans from Government	58.23	47.83

Demand for the increase in the prices of Cement

746. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cement Industry has demanded an increase in the prices of cement due to increase in cost inputs; area.

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH)): (a) to (d) The